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TO : Chief, CO&PS

DATE: 4 November 1949

FROM : Executive

SUBJECT: Liaison

1. Attached are--

a. Informal memo from Chief, ICS, OSO, to ADSO dated 21 October 1949, handed to Executive by ADSO requesting advice and guidance in connection with the SO liaison problem with the Department of Commerce.

b. Memo from Executive to OCD dated 27 October 1949 requesting information on our liaison with the Department of Commerce, and reply thereto from OCD dated 1 November 1949.

c. Letter from AD/ORE addressed to OSO, OO, and OSI (not yet delivered) dated 31 October 1949, relative to coordination in connection with ORE's representation on the Department of Commerce Export Control Committee.

d. Combined memo from ORE and OCD addressed to the Executive dated 25 August 1949 on the general subject of liaison presenting opposing points of view for resolution.

2. Each of these references points up a confused liaison situation based primarily on lack of adequate central coordination, the assumption of direct liaison responsibility in certain cases, and the assignment of such direct responsibility to others.

3. It is requested that you study the whole liaison problem from the standpoint of CIA needs and adequate Agency controls, and submit your comments and recommendations covering the following:

a. Specific correction of the current liaison situation with respect to the Department of Commerce.

b. Policy recommendation to govern the entire liaison problem and its adequate control within CIA.

4. Your solution of the specific Department of Commerce problem is requested separately at the earliest practicable date.

Captain, USN

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